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Managing THE PEP

THE PEP Programme of work for 2017-2018

Note by the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme secretariat

Summary

At its eleventh meeting (Geneva, 23 October 2009), the Bureau of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Steering Committee requested the secretariat to prepare each year a detailed programme of work, showing work accomplished over the previous year and expected outputs for the forthcoming year. A draft programme of work for 2017-2018 was considered by THE PEP Steering Committee Bureau at its thirty-first meeting in Copenhagen in July 2017. The Committee is invited to review activities carried out in 2017 and to endorse planned activities for 2018.

I. Introduction

1. The fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Paris, 14-16 April 2014) adopted the Paris Declaration, including the work plan for the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) for 2014-2019 (ECE/AC.21/SC/2014/6-EUDCE1408105/1.6/SC12/6.). The work plan is based upon five priority goals, enshrined in the Paris Declaration, which commit the United Nations

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Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) member States to pursue integrated policies aimed at achieving safe, efficient, environment- and health-friendly transport.

2. THE PEP programme of work, covering the period between the Fourth and Fifth High-level Meetings, addresses a range of activities to be pursued up until 2018. The Committee may wish to review the work carried out in 2017, endorse the planned activities for 2018 and provide guidance for their implementation.

II. THE PEP programme of work for 2017-2018

THE PEP activity	*Host/lead country/organization*	*Date(s)*
(a) Develop a platform to attract and support investments in environment- and health-friendly transport		
Follow-up to: the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Paris, 14-16 April 2014); COP-21 (Paris, 30 November-12 December 2015); and the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit (New York, 25-27 September 2015)	Steering Committee and THE PEP secretariat	2017-2018
(b) Build capacity for better integration of transport, health and environment policy		
Relay race 12 and other relay races in 2018: Subregional workshop(s) to continue implementation of Paris Declaration (in progress)	Mannheim (Germany)	2017
Further development of the Health Economic Assessment Tools (HEAT) for walking and cycling to include more health endpoints and risk factors (in progress)	WHO, European Commission (DG Research, project PASTA),[1] the European network for the promotion of health-enhancing physical activity (HEPA Europe)	2017-2018
Development of a publication on Jobs in Green and Healthy Transport under THE PEP Partnership (under completion)	THE PEP secretariat and THE PEP Partnership	2017
Development of a new publication on Jobs in Green and Healthy Transport under THE PEP Partnership (in progress)	THE PEP secretariat and THE PEP Partnership	2017-2019
Application of the For Future Inland Transport Systems (ForFITS) monitoring and assessment tool to promote planning towards sustainable transport policies (in progress)	UNECE Sustainable Transport Division	2017-2018
(c) Share and disseminate good practice in environment- and health-friendly transport		
Development of communication materials (updated THE PEP Brochure and the 2014-2019 workplan)	THE PEP secretariat/lead countries	2017-2018
Development of a publication on THE PEP Partnerships	THE PEP secretariat/lead countries	2017-2018
Outreach to schools and local communities to share experience in environment- and health-friendly urban transport (e.g. THE PEP Prize, photography, film and/or	THE PEP secretariat/interested countries	2017-2018

art competitions) (ongoing)		
Revitalization of THE PEP website and Clearing House as centre of information exchange in preparation for the fifth High-level Meeting (under completion)	UNECE/Dedicated consultant	2017
(d) Facilitate the implementation of activities at the local, national and regional levels		
Launch and implement activities under THE PEP Partnership on a Pan-European Master Plan for cycling	THE PEP secretariat/Austria/the European Cycling Federation/others to be identified)	2017-2018
Provide technical assistance to member States, if requested, in developing National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans (NTHEAPs) on the basis of the NTHEAPs manual and through THE PEP Academy (in progress)	Beneficiary countries and supporting countries (to be identified)	2017-2018
(e) Support international advocacy and cooperation projects to promote best practice and an integrated approach to policymaking in transport, health and environment		
Strengthen collaboration with the European Commission, international financial institutions (IFIs), and other international processes (e.g. the European Environment and Health Process), non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to achieve THE PEP priority goals (in progress)	THE PEP secretariat/European Commission/IFIs	2017-2018
(f) Enhance monitoring and reporting mechanisms for implementation		
Regularly monitor the implementation of the Paris Goals through a questionnaire using agreed indicators (on-going)	Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee and THE PEP secretariat	2017-2018

[1] The "Physical Activity through Sustainable Transport Approaches (PASTA)" is a project supported by the European Community FP7 research programme on innovative societal solutions to promote physical activity (http://www.pastaproject.eu/home/). PASTA is being implemented by a consortium led by the Institute of Transport Studies of the University of Natural Resources and Life Science in Austria. The project will be completed by end October 2017.

III. Statutory THE PEP meetings 2017-2018

THE PEP body (status)	*Date and location*
Steering Committee Bureau, thirty-first meeting	4-5 July 2017 (WHO, Copenhagen)
Steering Committee, fifteenth session	6-8 November 2017 (Geneva, UNECE)
Steering Committee Bureau, thirty-second meeting	8 November 2017 (Geneva, UNECE Headquarters)
Steering Committee Bureau, thirty-third meeting	July 2018 (WHO, Copenhagen)
Steering Committee, sixteenth session	11-14 December 2018 (Geneva, WHO Headquarters)
Steering Committee Bureau, thirty-fourth meeting	14 December 2018 (Geneva, Palais des Nations)